## VILLAGE OF CAMBRIDGE 56 NORTH PARK STREET CAMBRIDGE, NEW YORK 12816

## MEETING MINUTES - PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING - 2015-16 BUDGET - 15 APRIL 2015

In attendance:
Mayor Carman Bogle
Dick Farrell, The Eagle
Mary Colvin
Chris Riben
Trustee James Sweeney
Trustee Scott Lucey
Trustee Stephen Robertson
Trustee Sara Kelly
Bill McCarty
Michael Telford
Paul M. Toleman
Kathleen Ward
Ed Mager
Lance Allen Wang

- 1. Meeting begins at 7:01p
- 2. Mayor highlighted key numbers in the summary page. Mentioned that we've had only a couple of workshops to get to this point.
  - a. In order to stay under the tax cap, we need to be able to drop a bit more. We can only increase levy by approx. 12K.
  - b. Our taxable assessment has dropped largely due to PILOT agreement, Mayor points out impact.
  - c. We need to cut another \$16,000 to get under the cap.
- 3. Kathleen Ward: "Is there any way that we can go to.... Equalization rate? Each village town, etc. has an equalization rate. The higher the rate, the lower the tax.

Bill McCarty: Right now we're at 70.11 equalization rate.

Kathleen Ward: "On my bill, last time I looked, rate was 56%. If we can get to 100% it will lower tax rate per thousand."

Mayor Bogle said that she would look into it. Kathleen discussed impacts as she saw them in the Town of Cambridge.

4. Michael Telford, Village of Cambridge: There was \$13,000 estimated cut in the part time positions. It appears to be the YTD totals are off by quite a bit. This is the first time I've seen a budget quite like this in twenty years here. This does not show amount spent per year. In 13-14 it will show what's budgeted, but should also show what is spent. I don't see any actuals.

Trustee Robertson: Why is Part-Time and Full-Time personnel separate on here and not one pool?

Mike: It shows how I split it out on my paperwork.

Trustee Robertson: You don't need to separate it out in the payroll.

Mike: No.

Bottom line issue – DPW Superintendent believes that draft budget does not properly capture his amount spent to date, this is impacting how his cut is being made.

- 5. Chris Riben what is fund balance? Mayor Bogle: If spending remains the same we calculated \$57,000. Chris: Whatever you can go percentagewise do it, if you're authorized 2% tax increase, use every bit of it. 2% is the standard. Do it.
- 6. Kathleen Ward: What are we getting for our taxes?

Mayor Bogle: Roads plowed, Leaves picked up, Library, Youth commission, FD, PD

Kathleen Ward: That's not just village.

Mayor Bogle: Not everybody has a police station...

Kathleen Ward: Greenwich has garbage, sewer, water, garbage pickup.

Mike Telford: We have same street miles as Greenwich, and do it with half the people.

Mayor Bogle: Its not fair to compare us to Greenwich. We don't have that revenue, either.

Kathleen Ward: We should eliminate employees.

- 7. Senior Citizen impact of tax raise? Schools need to address Advanced STAR program. Kathleen Ward is willing to work with James Sweeney on an initiative to provide Seniors education on their taxes.
- 8. Next workshop 4/21 at 6:00p. To discuss budget updates based upon this meeting and further discussion among Trustees.
- 9. Adjourn at approx. 7:45p.

MOTION:	Adjourn				
Made by:	Trustee Robertson				
Second by:	Trustee Kelly				
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